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WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS AND PIANO COMBINE IN CONCERT

Painter and Pianist Chuck Clevenger Presents Concert- Exhibit at Cedarville

CEDARVILLE, OHIO –Watercolor artist Chuck Clevenger will present a free “concert-tableau,” or pictorial concert, on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 12-noon in the Dixon Ministry Center Recital Hall. Clevenger, also a concert pianist and a senior professor of music at Cedarville University, will perform five pieces of classical music that connect with five watercolor paintings created for the occasion.

Clevenger has painted for more than 50 years but said this is the first time he has combined painting and music. For this concert, Clevenger selected pieces by Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Villa-Lobos, then created paintings that express the stories and emotions of the music. “I’ve gone into the music and painted something that means the same thing,” Clevenger said. “They’re all sending the same set of tensions to the audience.”

Outside the Recital Hall, 25 of Clevenger’s paintings will be displayed Feb. 20–28 in a free exhibit titled “Fleeting Visions.” Clevenger said watercolor paintings have a special ability to meld music and art because of their vague, impressionistic quality. The exhibit title is borrowed from Prokofiev, who connected “Fleeting Visions” with a set of piano music in the early 1900s.

Clevenger will also hold “meet the artist” hours to discuss his paintings. Guests may meet Clevenger in the music and worship office at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 or 4 p.m. Feb. 27 for a 45-minute tour of the exhibit and a time to ask questions.

Guests are invited to bring lunch to the concert, which is part of the department of music and worship’s Bach’s Lunch series. Water is the only liquid permitted in the Recital Hall. Guests may also purchase CDs, prints and cards of Clevenger’s work before and after the concert.

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Photo caption: Watercolor artist Chuck Clevenger created several new paintings on location to accompany pieces of classical music for his Feb. 22 concert.

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